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1. FOUR BRITISH SOLDIERS INJURED, ONE SERIOUSLY, IN BOMB EXPLOSION COUNTY ARMAGH NIGHT FEB 4-5 AS THEIR VEHICLE CROSSED CULVERT. BOMB ESTIMATED CONTAIN BETWEEN 4-500 LBS. FERTILIZER BASED EXPLOSIVE. THIS FIRST MAJOR INCIDENT COUNTY ARMAGH SINCE TROOP BUILDUP FOLLOWING SECTARIAN MASSACRES EARLY JANUARY.
2. THREE ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY POLICEMEN INJURED BY BOOBY TRAP BOMB BLAST IN SHANKILL ROAD AREA NIGHT FEB 3. IT LIKELY TRAP INTENDED FOR TROOPS IN RETALIATION FOR SHOOTING PROTESTANT IN PUB LAST WEEKEND. (REFTEL).
3. (OCCIAI) REPUBLICAN CLUBS CHARGED PROVISIONAL IRA WITH NEW SERIES OF INCIDENTS DIRECTED AGAINST REPUBLICAN CLUB SYMPATHIZERS IN BELFAST RECENTLY. INCIDENTS INCLUDE HOUSE SEARCHINGS AND BEATINGS.
4. AIREY NEAVE SHADOW SPOKESMAN ON NORTHERN IRELAND DEPARTED BELFAST FEB. 4 AFTER THREE DAY VISIT. NEAVE, WHO ACCOMPANIED

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BY MP BIGGS-DAVISON, SPENT MOST OF TIME VISITING TROOPS AND IN

DISCUSSIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. AS FAR AS KNOWN THEY DID NOT MEET WITH LOCAL POLITICIANS. NEAVE SAID BEFORE DEPARTURE HE BELIEVED TROOP STRENGTH COUNTY ARMAGH SHOULD REMAIN AT PRESENT LEVEL AND THAT FOUR MONTH TOUR-OF-DUTY THERE SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO SIX MONTHS TO IMPROVE TROOP KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL CONDITIONS AND TERRAIN.

5. NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE IN PAST HAS SEEMED AVOID PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFORTS SUBJECT TO ACCUSATIONS OF "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE". HOWEVER IRISH NEWS OF FEBRUARY 4 CARRIED FULL PAGE AD FROM OFFICE ENTITLED "FRANK STAGG THE FACTS." DRAMATIC AD POINTS OUT STAGG BORN COUNTY MAYO 1941, HE LIVED IN COVENTRY SINCE 1959, HE MARRIED COUNTY MAYO GIRL, HE SENTENCED IN BIRMINGHAM IN 1973 AND HE TOLD BY HOME OFFICE HE CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO PRISON NEARER HOME AND WIFE IN COVENTRY "CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN IRELAND - NOME." AD ALSO EXCERPTED ARTICLE FROM IRISH NEWS FEB. 3 IN WHICH IT REPORTED SISTER FRANK STAGG ATTACKED PROVISIONAL IRA FOR ATTEMPTS TO CAPITALIZE ON BROTHER'S FAST AND STATED THAT FAMILY DISOWNED ALL TALK OF BOMBING CAMPAIGNS OR VIOLENCE IN IRELAND OR BRITAIN.
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